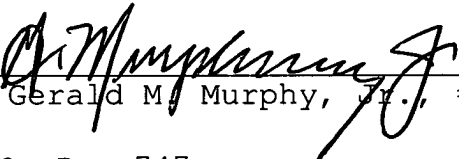


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- ☒ No fee is required.
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This response includes:

Amended Claim Set;

Remarks; and

Maeda Declaration.